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AMERICANS, LIBERIANS CALL FOR RAISING STANDARDS OF MAN

MONROVIA, AUGUST 5 -- THE 70TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY FORMERLY OPENED HERE TODAY WITH EXCHANGES OF ASSURANCES OF BROTHERLY FAITH AND THE ABILITY TO RAISE THE STANDARDS OF LIVING OF ALL MEN, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE OF BLACK COLOR AND AFRICAN ORIGIN.

MORE THAN 400 AMERICAN MEMBERS AND SOME 80 FROM THE LIBERIAN CHAPTER CONVENED TO CELEBRATE ALPHA'S "INTERNATIONAL YEAR." ALPHA PHI ALPHA IS THE OLDEST BLACK FRATERNITY IN THE UNITED STATES, AND THE LARGEST WITH SOME 70,000 MEMBERS.

LIBERIAN PRESIDENT WILLIAM R. TOLBERT JR. TOLD THE CONVENTION THE OCCASION REFLECTED THE SAME PRINCIPLES WHICH SPURRED INTO REALITY THE OLDEST BLACK REPUBLIC IN AFRICA, LIBERIA, AND THE BLACK FRATERNITY IN THE UNITED STATES. HE PRAISED THE FRATERNITY FOR ITS CONCERN WITH THE TOTAL LIBERATION OF THE OPPRESSED, WITH THE FLIGHT OF THE POOR AND WITH THE DESTINY OF THE ENLIGHTENED.

HE TOLD THE FRATERNITY HE HOPED ITS HIGH IDEALS AND EFFECTIVE ACTIONS OF THE PAST SEVEN DECADES COULD BE CONTINUED WITH THE

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SAME EFFECTIVE RESULTS FOR ANKIND.

GENERAL PRESIDENT WALTER WASHINGTON, TOLD PRESIDENT TOLBERT THAT HIS FRATERNITY HAD MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UPLIFTING OF BLACKS IN AMERICA. HE POINTED OUT THAT 80 PERCENT OF AMERICA'S BLACK LAWYERS, 65 PERCENT OF THE DENTISTS, 65 PERCENT OF BLACKS WITH DOCTORATE DEGREES, AND 50 OF AMERICAS TOP BUSINESSMEN WERE MEMBERS OF THE FRATERNITY.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR W. BEVERLY CARTER JR., OUT OF THE COUNTRY, SENT A MESSAGE TO THE FRATERNITY IN WHICH HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS MUCH IN COMMON BETWEEN THE FREED SLAVES THAT SETTLED LIBERIA, THE LIBERIANS OF TODAY AND THE FRATERNITY MEMBERS WHO CAME FOR THE CONVENTION.

"BUT REMEMBER THAT LIBERIA IS A SOVEREIGN ENTITY AND HAS FOUGHT ITS OWN BATTLES FOR INDEPENDENCE AND HUMAN DIGNITY FOR 154 YEARS, "HE SAID.

LATER AT LUNCHEON SESSION, DAVID N. HOWELL, ONE OF THE FOUNDINGMEMBERS OF THE MONROVIA CHAPTER AND AN AMERICAN, CALLED ON THE MEMBERS TO INVESTIGATE AND PARTICIPATE IN BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

"I THINK OUR INTERNATIONAL THRUST SHOULD INCLUDE AN AREA IN WHICH LITTLE HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED -- THAT OF THE MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS." HE SUGGESTED ALSO THAT RETIRED FRATERNITY BUSINESSMEN, AND OTHER EXPERTS SHOULD MAKE THEIR SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE AVAILABLE TO AFRICA -- NOT FOR PROFIT, BUT FOR SERVICE TO THEIR FELLOWMEN.

THE FRATERNITY GOES INTO BUSINESS SESSIONS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK.

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